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more expensive than we can afford. LB 46 begins the process of reducing reliance on incarceration, and building an infrastructure for less expensive community corrections in Nebraska. In other words, spending a little bit of money now can save a great deal of money later on. The agencies the appropriations for which are impacted by LB 46 include probation administration, the Supreme Court, the Crime Commission, parole administration under the Department of Correctional Services. Specifically, LB 46A reduces the General Fund appropriation to probation administration in fiscal year '03-04 by \$106,390, and in fiscal year '04-05 by \$125,390. The bill prohibits presentence investigations in the instance of the least significant misdemeanor cases. This will save three probation officer trainees, and 1.5 clerical positions. Probation estimates a one-time expenditure for training staff in using administrative sanctions in fiscal year '03-04. A General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 in fiscal year '03-04 to the Supreme Court is included for system change for the collection of probation programming fees. A General Fund appropriation to the Supreme Court in fiscal year '04-05 of \$20,000 will be used to implement sentencing guidelines. This includes training under the sentencing guidelines structure. The General Fund appropriation to the Crime Commission will be \$284,619 for fiscal year '03-04, and \$278,046 for fiscal year '04-05. These include the costs of the Community Correction Council's monthly meetings, estimates for salary, benefits, and operating costs related to the council's staff, and expenditures pertaining to the developing of sentencing guidelines by the council. The Crime Commission will also be appropriated \$360,000 for fiscal year '03-04 and '04-05 from the Community Corrections Uniform Data Analysis Fund. The fund is to be used for the support and coordination of crime...of the crime analysis system. Finally, revenue generated by the probation programming fees and the parole programming fees is appropriated to the Office of Probation Administration and the Department of Correctional Services respectively. The appropriation from the program...pardon me, the Probation Program Cash Fund is \$2,652,822 in fiscal year '03-04 and \$4,532,134 in fiscal year '04-05. The appropriation from the Parole Program Cash Fund is \$123,625 for both fiscal year '03-04 and fiscal year '04-05. Probation and parole are the existing community